

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended):     A tip magazine able to use in a pipetting device  
~~pipetting device having a plurality of pipetting channels~~ comprising:  
    ~~a slide guide positioned below the plurality of pipetting channels of the~~  
~~pipetting device;~~  
    ~~a tip magazine in which~~ a plurality of identical tips each with a collar and of a  
length L1 are arranged so as to be suspended by their collars in the tip magazine comprising:  
    a plane-parallel carrier plate with a plurality of through-holes arranged  
in a predetermined two-dimensional grid, shaped to be inserted into the slide guide located  
below a the plurality of pipetting channels of a the pipetting device;  
    a plane-parallel orienting plate being provided which is oriented  
parallel to the carrier plate at a distance L2 from the carrier plate; and  
    said orienting plate having the same quantity of through-holes in the  
same grid pattern as, and with a smaller cross section than, the through-holes of the  
carrier plate,  
    wherein the through-holes of the carrier plate and through-holes of the  
orienting plate have the same diameter as the tips,  
    wherein the plurality of identical tips of length L1 connect with the plurality of  
pipetting channels of the pipetting device.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented):     The tip magazine according to claim 10, wherein  
the thickness of the plates added to the distance is less than the overall length of the tips L1,  
excluding the collar width.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The tip magazine according to claim 10, wherein there are spacers with a length L2 by which the carrier plate and the orienting plate are fixedly connected with one another.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The tip magazine according to claim 12, wherein there is a handle plate which, in combination with the carrier plate and the orienting plate, also serves as a spacer.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The tip magazine according to claim 12, wherein the spacers are sleeves, each of which surrounds a through-hole of the carrier plate and orienting plate.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The tip magazine according to claim 12, wherein the spacers are rods, each of which is connected with the carrier plate and the orienting plate so as to be centered between four holes.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The tip magazine according to claim 12, wherein the spacers communicate with the carrier plate and the orienting plate outside of the hole arrangements.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The tip magazine according to claim 10, wherein said tip magazine is an individual tip magazine for tips of different shapes and dimensions due to the selection and combination of carrier plates and orienting plates with through-holes of different cross sections and sizes and a different spacing.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The tip magazine according to claim 10, wherein the through-holes in the orienting plate have a circular or rectangular cross section.